

What's Happening Wednesday

Kansas Immunization Program



VFC Nurse on Call - The nurse on call for next week is Patti Kracht at patti.kracht@ks.gov. The nurse on call can be reached at 785-296-5592.



October 12, 2016

Chief Chat

A special note to all local health departments who have IAC and WIC/ICP grants, the semi-annual reports are to be completed in Catalyst this year. To complete the reports, please go to section D1 in the respective grant action plans in Catalyst to complete your report. Then click on the + sign to expand "progress" found near the bottom of the right hand pane of the page.

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Month Quarter Year (Mid-Year/End-Of-Year)

Year: 2016 Month: October

Attachments

Describe "best practices" implemented to increase the immunization coverage rates.

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We continue to fill all influenza vaccine orders as we receive vaccine in our warehouse. Unfortunately, the largest allocations we pre-book and providers have ordered is what we have the least proportion of at this time. Fluzone PF Quad (Sanofi) 36 months + single dose syringes is our most popular presentation. Sanofi has the vaccine and is working

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feverishly to keep up with the market demand as they fill the syringes to get them to the warehouse for distribution. They have contracted with additional industry partners to fill the syringes, but it does take time for the process. If you have vaccination clinics scheduled and need to get more vaccine on hand quickly, please contact us at vaccine@ks.gov to request changes in your order. You may consider changing part of your order to Fluzone 36 month + SDV, Fluarix 36 months+ SDS, FluLaval 36 months + MDV, Flucelax 4 years + SDS or Fluvirin 4 years + MDV. All influenza vaccine that is provided through our program is quad.

We appreciate everyone's patience as we continue to deal with the Pentacel vaccine shortages. We continue to hear that everything should be back to normal during the first quarter of 2017. We are continuing with the same process of filling orders based on provider requests compared with average monthly usage over the past six months and provider on hand inventory at the time of order. We are allotted 1265 doses per month to share across the state, so we are doing our best to assure everyone has vaccine to meet each month's demand, but we know this is a challenge for many as your stock inventory gets low each month. Remember that single dose antigens are available if you run out of Pentacel during a given a month, though we appreciate that this is not the optimal situation.

We have our first 2017 Kansas Immunization Conference planning meeting scheduled for next week. If you have any new ideas for topics or speakers you would like to have considered, please send those ideas to Phil (phil.griffin@ks.gov) or Patti (patti.kracht@ks.gov) so that we can bring to the planning committee. We have reviewed the comments from the last conference and will be incorporating as many of those suggestions as possible into next year's event.

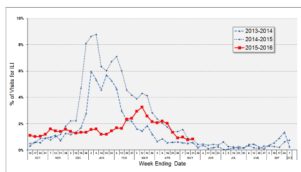
As a reminder to all, we are actively recruiting for a new Regional Immunization Nurse Consultant who will serve the north central portion of the state. The position, as with all Regional Immunization Nurse Consultant positions, requires travel throughout the region being served. Seldom does this travel require being away from home overnight. On call is rotated between all the nurses and is only during regular work hours and days. Extensive training with experienced nurses is provided upon hire and will likely require overnight travel during the initial training program.

The ideal new Regional Immunization Nurse Consultant will be enthusiastic about working with local providers to assure the safe immunization of Kansas children and will work to support increasing the rates of immunization coverage. We are looking for a professional (RN or LPN preferably) who enjoys working with colleagues toward a common goal of assuring proper childhood and adolescent immunization coverage. This position will be located in the north central portion of the state (preferably Topeka), but the specific office location is negotiable according to where the best candidate is found. We encourage anyone interested in an opportunity to work with a dynamic team of professionals who are excited about protecting the public through proper immunization practices to consider applying. More information about this opportunity and instructions on how to apply may be found [here](#) (requisition number 184450). If you have questions about this position, please feel free to contact Phil Griffin at phil.griffin@ks.gov or 785-296-8893. The posting will close on October 27, 2016.

Have a great week!

Phil Griffin, Deputy Director, Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention

ILI– Influenza Like Illness Surveillance has begun for 2016-17 Season



The Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) began surveillance for the 2016-2017 season on October 2. Sites are monitoring patients for influenza-like illness (ILI) – symptoms include a fever (≥ 100 degrees F) and the presence of a cough and/or sore throat. ILINet sites also submit up to two specimens for testing at the Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories (KHEL). These specimens help monitor what types of influenza are present in Kansas. During the week ending October 8, ILINet sites reported

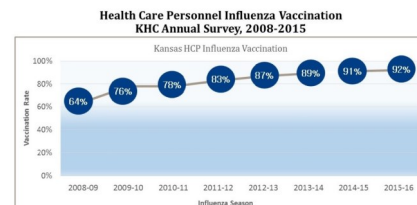
0.8% of visits were due to influenza-like illness. There has been no positive influenza specimens tested at KHEL.

Amie Worthington

FLU Vaccination Rates for Health Care Workers in Kansas on the Rise

More than 9 out of 10 Kansas health care workers are protecting themselves and their patients from the flu by receiving the influenza vaccination. According to the Kansas Healthcare Collaborative, its statewide survey of Kansas hospitals indicates 92.3 percent of health care workers were immunized during the 2015-16 flu season, compared to 91.0 percent in 2014-15. Click [here](#) for more information regarding the survey.

Kansas Healthcare Collaborative- <http://www.khconline.org/>



VFC Question of the Week

Q: If a child receives influenza vaccine at age 34 or 35 months for the first time (0.25 mL dose) and then returns for the second dose at age 37 months, should we give another 0.25 mL dose or should we give the 0.5 mL dose that is indicated for ages 3 and older?

A: The child should always receive the dose appropriate for his or her age at the time of the clinic visit; at age 37 months that would be 0.5 mL.



IAC Needle Tips Newsletter Posted

This issue features important information about the 2016–17 influenza recommendations, including related "Ask the Experts" Q&As from CDC medical officer Andrew T. Kroger, MD, MPH, and nurse educator Donna L. Weaver, RN, MN, both with the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, CDC. In addition, it includes many immunization resources that healthcare professionals can use in their practice settings, including IAC's standing orders templates for administering influenza vaccine to children, adolescents, and adults, and pneumococcal vaccines (PSC13 and PPSV23) to adults.

<http://www.immunize.org/nsit.d/n68/n68.pdf>

Thank you
Deborah L. Wexler, MD
Executive Director
Immunization Action Coalition



New KSWebIZ Upgrade Thursday Evening



KSWebIZ will be undergoing an upgrade to version 16.4. **The system will be down from 5:00 pm on 10/13/2016 to 5:00 am on 10/14/2016 while the upgrade is being performed.**

Documentation describing the most notable new features and updates that are available in the version 16.4 has been emailed to each KSWebIZ user. A copy of this document is also attached to the home screen of KSWebIZ in the attachments section of the news. If you did not receive a copy of the documentation via email, and would like it, contact the KIP Help Desk at 877-296-0464 or immregistry@kdheks.gov. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this process.
PLEASE NOTE: The KSWebIZ Email address has now been converted. The email address has changed a bit as well and it is now kdhe.ImmunizationRegistry@ks.gov.

Seasonal Influenza Update

As flu season begins, we work to keep providers up-to-date on how much flu we currently have available. As flu begins arriving at McKesson we start getting small allocations of doses to pass on to our providers. The chart below shows the current percentage of our allocation by NDC. As we receive provider orders we pass along the percentage we currently have to each ordering provider. The chart below will be updated each week with the current available percentage.

2016-2017 PEDIATRIC VFC FLU PRE-BOOK RECEIVED AS OF 10/12/16

Manufacturer	Brand	NDC	Age	Presentation	VFC Available	CHIP Available
GSK	Fluarix Quad (IIV4)	58160-0905-52	36mos+	10 1 dose syringes	95%	100%
GSK	FluLaval Quad (IIV4)	19515-0903-11	36mos+	10 dose vial	100%	100%
Novartis	Fluvirin (IIV3)	70461-0119-10	4 years +	10 dose vial	100%	100%
Seqirus	Flucelvax Quad (IIV4)	70461-0200-01	4 years +	10 1 doses syringes	100%	100%
Sanofi	Fluzone Quad (IIV4)	49281-0416-10	36mos+	10 1 dose vials	100%	100%
Sanofi	Fluzone Quad (IIV4)	49281-0416-50	36mos+	10 1 dose syringes	12%	54%
Sanofi	Fluzone Quad (IIV4)	49281-0516-25	6-35mos	10 1 dose syringes	95%	100%
Sanofi	Fluzone Quad (IIV4)	49281-0625-15	6mos+	10 dose vial	100%	100%
MedImmune	FluMist Quad (LAIV4)	66019-0302-10	2-49 years	10 1 dose sprayers	N/A	N/A

DID YOU KNOW!

(This Handout can be found on Page 7 of this issue of WHW and can also be found on our Flu website page located here: <http://www.kdheks.gov/flu/index.html>)



www.kdheks.gov/flu

Know the Facts

Myth #1: You can get the flu from the flu vaccine.

FALSE – This is impossible. The flu vaccine does not actually carry a live virus; it contains inactivated or weakened organisms. Vaccine manufacturers grow the flu virus in eggs, then cleanse and chemically treat the virus to deactivate it.

Myth #2: The flu is just a bad cold.

FALSE – The flu is a serious disease. It is a highly contagious viral infection of the respiratory tract (nose, throat, and lungs). In the United States, about 200,000 people are hospitalized and tens of thousands of people die each year because of the flu. Influenza kills more Americans every year than all other vaccine-preventable diseases combined.

Myth #3: It is not necessary for children to receive a flu vaccination.

FALSE – Children are two-to-three times more likely to develop influenza than adults because of their less-developed immune systems. More than 20,000 children under the age of five are hospitalized due to the flu each year. In addition, influenza kills nearly 100 children under five years of age in the United States every year.

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FALSE – Most people who get the flu shot have no reaction. Up to 25 percent may have some redness and slight swelling at the site of injection; the risk of a severe allergic reaction in those who receive a vaccination is less than one in four million.

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FALSE – It is recommended to get vaccinated as soon as vaccine becomes available in your community. The flu virus tends to spread from October to May, with most cases occurring in January or February. However, vaccinations can be given at any time during the flu season – even getting a vaccination later in the season (December through March) can still help protect you from influenza.

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FALSE – Although influenza vaccination is not 100 percent effective, it's important that everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated against the flu to help reduce the spread of the virus in the community. The more people who get vaccinated against the flu every year, the lower the risk of catching the flu.

Myth #9: Getting the influenza vaccine every year isn't necessary.

FALSE – The vaccination needs to be given every year. Because flu viruses are constantly changing, flu vaccines may be updated from one season to the next to protect against the most recent and most commonly circulating viruses. In addition, a person's immune protection from vaccination declines over time; therefore, annual vaccination is needed for optimal protection.

Myth #10: Healthy people don't need a flu vaccine.

FALSE – The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older should get vaccinated against the flu every year. Infants younger than 6 months old are too young to be vaccinated. Protect them by getting yourself, other children and family members, and close contacts vaccinated. This will help prevent spreading the virus to infants.

KSWEBIZ Trainings— This week's trainings highlighter in yellow below



Aggregate Inventory Training— **Mondays at 1 p.m., First Friday at 10:30 a.m.**

The Aggregate Inventory Training occurs the first Friday of every month from 10:30 -11:30 a.m. This call will go over the basics of the On Hand, Reconciliation (MIR submission) and Vaccine Ordering windows in KSWebIZ for Aggregate Users. Bring questions and examples of issues that your clinic is having with the end of the month reporting. **Please note:** this call is for KSWebIZ Aggregate Users Only! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6598705111102500354>

Register now for the date that works best for you!

Direct Entry Inventory Training— **Tuesdays at 1 p.m., First Friday at 12 p.m.**

The Direct Entry Inventory Training occurs the first Friday of every month from 12 -1 p.m. This call will go over the basics of the On Hand, Reconciliation (MIR submission) and Vaccine Ordering windows in KSWebIZ. Bring questions and examples of issues that your clinic is having with the end of the month reporting. **Please note:** this call is for KSWebIZ Direct Entry Users Only! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/4121654947304535298>

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New User Training— **Thursdays at 2 p.m., Second Friday at 12 p.m.**

The New User Training occurs the second Friday of every month from 12 -1 p.m. This basic training is for new KSWebIZ users, or people who would like a simplified refresher training on how to use KSWebIZ. We will be going over log-in, adding history, administering vaccinations, printing consents and pink cards. If you are a new user, have a new token, or recently had a token transferred to you please take the time to sit in on this training! **Please note:** this call is for KSWebIZ Direct Users Only! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Register now for the date that works best for you! <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1572841858584797442>

School Module Training- **Third Friday at 12 p.m.**

The School Module Training occurs the third Friday of every month from 9 - 10 a.m. This basic training is for new KSWebIZ school module users, or people who would like a simplified refresher training. **Please note:** this call is for KSWebIZ School Module Users Only! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8422671756415350273>

Register now for the date that works best for you!

Reports Training- **Fourth Friday at 12 p.m.**

The Reports Training occurs the fourth Friday of every month from 12 - 1 p.m. This training is for KSWebIZ users who are wanting to learn more about the KSWebIZ Reports. We will be going over the various reporting sections and how to generate reports within these sections. We hope you have time to sit in on this training! **Please note:** this call is for KSWebIZ Direct Users Only! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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NOTE: There have been additional trainings scheduled during the week for New User Training, Direct Inventory Training and Aggregate Inventory Training. The new times can be found above and when you register and select a specific training time. If these times do not work with your schedule or you have additional training needs please reach out to the IIS trainer msims@kdheks.gov or 785-296-0687

Vaccine Information Statements–

Anthrax	3/10/10	MMR	4/20/12
Chickenpox	3/13/08	Tdap	2/24/15
DTaP/DT/DTP	5/17/07	MMRV	5/21/10
Hepatitis A	7/20/16	Multi-vaccine	11/05/15
Hepatitis B	7/20/16	PCV 13	11/05/15
Hib	4/2/15	PPSV	4/24/15
HPV9	3/31/16	Polio	7/20/16
HPV4 (Gardasil)	5/17/13	Rabies	10/6/09
HPV2 (Cervarix)	5/03/11	Rotavirus	4/15/15
Influenza (LAIV4)	8/07/15	Shingles	10/6/09
Influenza (IIV3 or IIV4)	8/07/15	Smallpox	10/01/09
Japan. enceph.	1/24/14	Td	2/24/15
MCV4/MPSV4	3/31/16	Typhoid	5/29/12
MenB	8/09/16	Yellow fever	3/30/11

Vaccine Redistribution

Please email any additions or changes to be made on the Vaccine Redistribution lists with subject matter “Redistribution” to vaccine@kdheks.gov or call toll free at 1-877-296-0464
http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/vaccine_redistribution.htm

REMINDERS: Providers may place the excess doses on the KIP Redistribution list if:

- 1) The vaccine has a minimum of 90 days and a maximum of 365 days before the vaccine's expiration date;
- 2) The ordering provider is responsible for any doses which expire on the redistribution list that have not been accepted for transfer to another VFC provider;
- 3) Providers accepting vaccine from the redistribution list are responsible for using the doses once they are transferred. KIP encourages providers to accept only doses they can administer before the expiration date;
- 4) The transferring and receiving provider will document these doses on their monthly MIR/reconciliation reports as transferred vaccines.
- 5) Once vaccine is transferred please contact KIP to let us know so we can adjust the redistribution list by either deleting the line or by reducing the amount of doses.
- 6) All vaccines must be in full boxes
- 7) The KIP nurse consultant who is on call must be contacted prior to transferring vaccine
- 8) Providers are responsible for keeping KIP notified if there is a change in amount of doses available for redistribution.
- 9) When placing an order, you may be contacted if the vaccine you are trying to order is on the redistribution list.
- 10) Varicella and Proquad, will not be posted on the VFC or Private Vaccine Redistribution List. Frozen Varivax vaccines are very intolerant to out of range temperatures. To prevent potential vaccine waste the Kansas immunization Program requests that Varivax containing vaccines not be transferred to other providers. Questions regarding transporting vaccine call 877-296-0464 to request assistance.



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